

NAUSET ESTUARY DREDGING PROJECT (NEDP)

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING FOR RESIDENTS OF ORLEANS AND EASTHAM

Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 6:00 pm
Orleans Town Hall, 19 School Rd., Orleans, MA 02653

TO BE HELD IN PERSON AT THE ORLEANS TOWN HALL AND REMOTELY VIA ZOOM **THE FORUM ALSO MAY BE VIEWED ON CHANNEL 18 IN ORLEANS AND EASTHAM**

The Towns of Orleans and Eastham have scheduled a citizens forum to discuss the Nauset Estuary Dredging Project (NEDP) and the Expanded Environmental Notification Form (EENF) for this project. Over more than 600 pages, the EENF describes the studies completed in contemplation of dredging, alternatives considered, the scope of the proposed dredging project, the dredging methods that will be used, how the dredge spoils will be handled, the lengthy permitting process for the project, and the potential environmental impacts of the project. Section B of the EENF contains a summary of the NEDP. The complete EENF may be viewed by using the following links: <https://www.town.orleans.ma.us/select-board/pages/nauset-estuary-dredging-project> or <https://www.eastham-ma.gov/select-board/pages/nauset-estuary-dredging-project>.

The forum will be held will be held in person at the Orleans Town Hall. Orleans and Eastham residents also may participate remotely with video by using the following ZOOM link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88204458852> or by telephone using either of the following numbers and the following ID: +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 558 8656; Webinar ID: 882 0445 8852 . The forum will also be televised on Channel 18 in Orleans and can be viewed live streamed at <https://www.town.orleans.ma.us/orleans-18/pages/ch-18-live-streaming>. In addition, questions about the EENF and the NEDP may be submitted in advance of the forum by emailing to the following addresses: communityexchange@eastham-ma.gov and nausetestuary@town.orleans.ma.us.

Residents of both towns are encouraged to attend the forum in person or remotely to learn about the NEDP and to ask questions. The forum will begin with a presentation by Leslie Fields of the Woods Hole Group consulting firm, which prepared the EENF. The balance of the meeting will be devoted to questions from residents on the EENF and NEDP with responses from Ms. Fields and town officials. The forum's purpose is educational. It is not intended to be an opportunity for residents to advocate in favor of or against the project. Both Towns will vote on the project at a later date.

A second citizens forum will take place on June 29 at 6 pm with the same arrangements. The second forum will focus on the proposed dewatering/disposal area in Orleans north of the Nauset Town Beach. A portion of the dredged material will be piped to this location and used to create a sand dune to provide resiliency against future erosion.